

Harassment in Science Act, which I am pleased to cosponsor.

In 2017, the Me Too movement sparked a national reckoning with the pervasiveness of sexual harassment. The academic workplace has not been spared. One study found that 58 percent of faculty and staff at universities have experienced sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is detrimental to individuals, often impeding career advancement and leading some to leave academia entirely. Sexual harassment also has significant consequences on the entire scientific enterprise, depriving our most critical STEM fields of skilled researchers, particularly from groups already underrepresented in STEM.

In 2018, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a report examining the contributing factors to sexual harassment in academia and the effects on women in science, technology, and medicine. The Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act includes key recommendations from the Academies' report and takes further steps to combat sexual harassment in STEM.

The National Science Foundation and other agencies have already taken significant steps to address the scourge of sexual harassment in STEM. Unfortunately, not all agencies have taken this issue as seriously, and the patchwork of policies and approaches causes confusion and increases administrative burden on grantees. This legislation helps make sure that we have consistent, governmentwide policies.

H.R. 2695 requires a coordinated approach to address sexual harassment at grant-receiving institutions and across our Federal agencies, including by requiring OSTP to issue uniform policy guidance for sexual harassment reporting at Federal science agencies.

The bill also authorizes NSF research on the contributing factors to STEM workplace harassment.

Finally, the bill would require an important follow-up study by the National Academies.

The Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act was developed following extensive consultation with experts on sexual harassment and key stakeholders, including universities. At present, 24 organizations have endorsed this bill, representing a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines, student groups, and professions.

I want to thank Chairwoman JOHNSON and Ranking Member LUCAS for introducing this important bill. I also want to thank all of the cosponsors of this bipartisan effort. I urge everyone here to help us take action toward eliminating sexual harassment in the sciences.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2695, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2695, the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act.

I am proud to say that this bill has a foundation of years of investigation, analysis, and recommendations to the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Curbing sexual misconduct in science is a priority that Chairwoman JOHNSON and I share.

Engaging more women in STEM studies and careers is essential to American competitiveness. Women make up over half the workforce, but account for less than 25 percent of America's STEM workforce. Unfortunately, too many women have been driven out of STEM careers due to a culture of harassment and abuse.

H.R. 2695 takes the first steps to address this problem. The bill directs NSF to expand research efforts to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematical workforces.

Additionally, it directs NSF to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment.

The bill also supports the adoption of uniform guidance across the Federal science agencies to combat sexual harassment involving grant personnel.

There is an established legal process in place within higher education and in the workforce for handling claims of sexual harassment. I cannot stress this enough: this bill does not alter that process.

What this bill does do is create a uniform policy requiring universities and research institutions to report to Federal science agencies when an administrative action is taken that impacts the ability of a researcher to carry out a grant.

Pervasive sexual harassment in the scientific community discourages women from critical work and good-paying jobs and hurts American competitiveness. It is unacceptable for taxpayer dollars to fund researchers who are guilty of harassing students or colleagues.

I want to thank the stakeholders, especially the university community, for working with committee staff to improve this legislation. I believe the revised bill strikes the right balance between protecting due process and privacy, while also making sure that Federal science agencies can act if a Federal science agency grant or the personnel supporting that grant is impacted.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, H.R. 2695 takes the first steps towards addressing sexual harassment in STEM fields, which is driving women out of STEM careers and damaging U.S. competitiveness.

While some progress has been made since the Science, Space, and Technology Committee first started investigating the issue almost 4 years ago, there is still much more work to be done. This legislation sends a strong message to the scientific community that misconduct will not be tolerated, and it sends a message to women who

are in STEM studies and careers that we support them.

This bill passed the House last Congress, and I look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate and stakeholders to advance this legislation into law this year.

I again want to thank Chairwoman JOHNSON and her staff for working in a bipartisan and collaborative way on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I, once again, urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important and bipartisan legislation, the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2695.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MALINOWSKI) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

VA TRANSPARENCY & TRUST ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2911) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 4, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 144]

YEAS—411

Adams	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)
Aderholt	DelBene	Johnson (LA)
Aguilar	Delgado	Johnson (OH)
Allen	Demings	Johnson (SD)
Allred	DeSaulnier	Johnson (TX)
Amodi	DesJarlais	Jones
Armstrong	Deutch	Jordan
Arrington	Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)
Auchincloss	Dingell	Joyce (PA)
Axne	Doggett	Kahele
Babin	Donalds	Kaptur
Bacon	Doyle, Michael	Katko
Baird	F.	Keating
Balderson	Duncan	Keller
Banks	Dunn	Kelly (IL)
Barr	Emmer	Kelly (MS)
Barragán	Eshoo	Kelly (PA)
Bass	Espallat	Khanna
Beatty	Estes	Kildee
Bentz	Evans	Kilmer
Bera	Fallon	Kim (CA)
Bergman	Feenstra	Kim (NJ)
Beyer	Ferguson	Kind
Bice (OK)	Fischbach	Kirkpatrick
Biggs	Fitzgerald	Krishnamoorthi
Bilirakis	Fitzpatrick	Kuster
Bishop (GA)	Fleischmann	Kustoff
Bishop (NC)	Fletcher	LaHood
Blumenauer	Fortenberry	Lamb
Blunt Rochester	Foster	Lamborn
Boebert	Fox	Langevin
Bonamici	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (WA)
Bost	Franklin, C.	Larson (CT)
Bourdeaux	Scott	Latta
Bowman	Fulcher	LaTurner
Brady	Gaetz	Lawrence
Brooks	Gallagher	Lawson (FL)
Brown	Gallego	Lee (CA)
Brownley	Garamendi	Lee (NV)
Buchanan	Garbarino	Leger Fernandez
Buck	Garcia (CA)	Lesko
Bucshon	Garcia (IL)	Letlow
Budd	Gibbs	Levin (CA)
Burchett	Gimenez	Levin (MI)
Burgess	Gohmert	Lieu
Bush	Gomez	Lofgren
Bustos	Gonzales, Tony	Long
Calvert	Gonzalez (OH)	Loudermilk
Cammack	Gonzalez,	Lowenthal
Carbajal	Vicente	Lucas
Carl	Good (VA)	Luetkemeyer
Carson	Gooden (TX)	Luria
Carter (GA)	Gosar	Lynch
Carter (LA)	Gottheimer	Mace
Carter (TX)	Granger	Malinowski
Cartwright	Graves (LA)	Malliotakis
Case	Graves (MO)	Maloney
Castor (FL)	Green (TN)	Carolyn B.
Cawthorn	Green, Al (TX)	Maloney, Sean
Chabot	Greene (GA)	Mann
Cheney	Griffith	Manning
Chu	Grijalva	Massie
Cicilline	Grothman	Mast
Clark (MA)	Guest	Matsui
Clarke (NY)	Guthrie	McBath
Cleaver	Hagedorn	McCarthy
Cline	Harder (CA)	McCaul
Cloud	Harris	McClain
Clyburn	Harshbarger	McClintock
Clyde	Hartzler	McCollum
Cohen	Hayes	McEachin
Cole	Hern	McGovern
Comer	Herrell	McHenry
Connolly	Herrera Beutler	McKinley
Cooper	Hice (GA)	McNerney
Correa	Higgins (LA)	Meeks
Costa	Higgins (NY)	Meijer
Courtney	Hill	Meng
Craig	Hinson	Meuser
Crawford	Hollingsworth	Mfume
Crenshaw	Horsford	Miller (IL)
Crist	Houlihan	Miller (WV)
Crow	Hoyer	Miller-Meeks
Cuellar	Hudson	Moolenaar
Curtis	Huffman	Mooney
Davids (KS)	Huizenga	Moore (AL)
Davidson	Issa	Moore (UT)
Davis, Danny K.	Jackson	Moore (WI)
Davis, Rodney	Jacobs (CA)	Morelle
Dean	Jacobs (NY)	Moulton
DeFazio	Jayapal	Mrvan
DeGette	Jeffries	Mullin

Murphy (FL)	Rouzer	Takano
Murphy (NC)	Roy	Taylor
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Tenney
Napolitano	Ruiz	Thompson (CA)
Neal	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)
Neguse	Rush	Thompson (PA)
Nehls	Rutherford	Tiffany
Newhouse	Ryan	Timmmons
Newman	Salazar	Titus
Norcross	Sánchez	Tlaib
Norman	Sarbanes	Tonko
Nunes	Scalise	Torres (CA)
O'Halleran	Scanlon	Torres (NY)
Obenoltz	Schakowsky	Trahan
Ocasio-Cortez	Schiff	Trone
Omar	Schneider	Turner
Owens	Schrader	Underwood
Pallone	Schrier	Upton
Palmer	Schweikert	Valadao
Panetta	Scott (VA)	Van Drew
Pappas	Scott, Austin	Van Deyne
Pascarell	Scott, David	Vargas
Payne	Sessions	Veasey
Pence	Sewell	Vela
Perlmutter	Sherman	Velázquez
Perry	Sherrill	Wagner
Peters	Simpson	Walberg
Pfleger	Slotkin	Walorski
Phillips	Smith (MO)	Walt
Pingree	Smith (NE)	Wasserman
Pocan	Smith (NJ)	Schultz
Porter	Smith (WA)	Waters
Posey	Smucker	Watson Coleman
Pressley	Soto	Weber (TX)
Price (NC)	Spanberger	Welch
Quigley	Spartz	Wenstrup
Raskin	Speier	Westerman
Reed	Stanton	Wexton
Reschenthaler	Stauber	Wild
Rice (NY)	Steel	Williams (GA)
Rice (SC)	Stefanik	Williams (TX)
Rodgers (WA)	Steil	Wilson (FL)
Rogers (AL)	Steube	Wilson (SC)
Rogers (KY)	Stevens	Womack
Rose	Stewart	Young
Rosendale	Strickland	Zeldin
Ross	Swalwell	

NAYS—4

Boyle, Brendan	Casten	Garcia (TX)
F.	Escobar	

NOT VOTING—14

Butterfield	Jackson Lee	Suozi
Cárdenas	Kinzinger	Webster (FL)
Castro (TX)	LaMalfa	Wittman
Golden	Palazzo	Yarmuth
Himes	Sires	

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Ms. ESCOBAR changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed the vote on rollcall No. 144. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 144.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was unavoidably detained in my congressional district and was not present for Roll Call Vote 144. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: On Roll Call 144, I would have voted aye.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

Allred (Wexton)	Dingell (Kuster)	Horsford
Beatty (Kelly (IL))	Fallon (Nehls)	(Jeffries)
Buchanan (Dunn)	Garbarino (Joyce (OH))	Keating (Clark (MA))
Carter (TX)	Gomez (Garcia (IL))	Kind (Connolly)
(Calvert)	Green (TX)	Kirkpatrick (Stanton)
Crenshaw	(Perlmutter)	Lawson (FL)
(Pfleger)	Grijalva (Garcia (IL))	(Evans)
DesJarlais		
(Fleischmann)		

Letlow	Meng (Clark (MA))	Sewell (DelBene)
(Cammack)	Napolitano	Slotkin (Axne)
Levin (MI)	(Correa)	Stevens (Axne)
(Raskin)	Ocasio-Cortez	Tlaib (Garcia (IL))
Lieu (Beyer)	(Bush)	Waters
Lowenthal	(Beyer)	Payne (Pallone)
(Beyer)	Rice (NY)	(Barragán)
Maloney,	(Peters)	Wilson (SC)
Carolyn B.	Ruppersberger	(Timmons)
(Jeffries)	(Raskin)	Wilson (FL)
McEachin	(Wexton)	(Hayes)
(Wexton)	(Underwood)	
McHenry (Banks)		

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. STRICKLAND) laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 14, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective May 20, 2021, of the “covered period” designated on January 4, 2021.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut
Ms. BARRAGÁN, California
Mr. RUTHERFORD, Florida
Mrs. McCLAIN, Michigan

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II